

Run Down by Deputy Sheriff Sam Holmes at Hervey City.

FOUND BEHIND A BEDROOM DOOR.

He Had Been in Hiding at Whisterville Ever Since He Stabbed "Still Bill" Sheridan—He is in the Jail.

Roy Bousman, the young man who came near fatally stabbing William Sheridan at the Mrs. Annie Brady room at 564 East Eldorado street on the afternoon of March 5, was captured today at the home of his father at Hervey City, not far from Mt. Zion, by Deputy Sheriff Sam Holmes, who was accompanied by Judge Readhead, the town marshal at Mt. Zion. Ever since the cutting affray the officers had been trying to get traces of Bousman, but had failed to locate him. Deputy Holmes concluded that he would start out to win, and he succeeded. He left for Mt. Zion early this morning on a freight train, and quickly made diligent inquiries from house to house all through Whisterville, near Mt. Zion. Some of the residents admitted that they had seen or heard of Bousman, but none could tell where he could be found. Holmes walked back to Mt. Zion, and getting Readhead, started down the railroad track for Hervey City. When near the Bousman dwelling Holmes noticed a move made by a member of the family which convinced him that his man was in the house, and, hastening his steps, he brushed the members of the family aside at the door and going into a bedroom found Roy Bousman hiding behind a door. Holmes took him in charge at once and after a little parley took him to the station and brought him to Decatur on a train, placing him behind the bars at the county jail.

This afternoon Sheridan, who will probably recover from his injuries, will swear out a state warrant charging Bousman with assault to murder.

Out of Danger.

William Sheridan, the man who was stabbed about a week ago, is rapidly recovering from his injuries. He was seriously injured but the attending physician says that he thinks Sheridan is out of danger and that there is little doubt but that he will recover.

RETURN OF MARSHAL MASON.

He Cut a Wide Swath in Washington Society—Attended the Ball in Full Dress.

W. W. Mason, city marshal, arrived home today from Washington City, where he witnessed the inauguration of President McKinley, hob-nobbed with the members of the swell set, wore a full dress suit with diamonds and pearls and attended the inauguration ball, shaking hands with Senator Mark Hanna and Vice President Hobart, besides meeting many other notables. Marshal Mason was the guest of the famous Johnson family in Washington, and they led him a lively whirl in the thickest of swifdom. He arrived at the treasury building where the inauguration ball was in progress at the dizzy hour of 11 o'clock, and danced until 2. As proof of the fact that he was a mixer in the ball he brought home the program, showing that he danced with matrons and maidens, in the waltz, quadrilles, La Coquette, schottisches, Newport, two steps, waltz quadrilles, the Bolton dip, the zingarie and one other dance he cannot remember, but the marshal says it was lively to the finish. Mason says he was the only Decatur man on the floor.

The County Board.

At the session of the board of supervisors this forenoon on motion of Supervisor Spence the use of the circuit court room for the Republican township convention the evening of March 19 was granted.

A committee was named to check up the books of Sheriff Nicholson in compliance with law. The committee comprises Chairman Lockaday, Draper, Magee, Orr and Turner. This afternoon the board is considering a number of reports.

Born.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Auer of West Green street, on March 10, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cassell of North Water street, on March 10, a daughter.

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SPAIN KNOWS IT.

She Understands the McKinley Administration Will Tolerate No Foolishness.

WILL NO LONGER PLAY POLICEMAN.

Cuban Sempathizers' Rights Will be Respected and the First Overt Act of Spain Means Warships at Havana.

Washington, March 12.—President McKinley's Cuban policy is definitely established. For the present he will take no startling action in any direction unless new contingencies arise.

The Spanish authorities have been given to understand beyond all doubt that all reasonable demands made by Consul General Lee must receive respectful attention. Wherever the life or liberty of American citizens is at stake he will receive ample protection from this government.

No threats have been made, but Minister de Loma understands thoroughly and has informed his government that the United States is prepared to send a warship to Havana whenever its presence seems necessary.

For the present the neutrality laws will be enforced, but without any of the unpleasant detective work which distinguished the last administration. President McKinley's subordinates will be made to understand that the Cuban sympathizers have as many rights under the law as the Spanish minister and his subordinate officials. There will be no vindictive prosecution of filibustering, but, on the other hand, no open violations of the law will be permitted.

The main policy just at present is to provide more money for the government. It is felt that until that is done the United States is not in a position to undertake new obligations. As there is not enough money for peace purposes the very beginnings of war evidently would exhaust the treasury in a day. The president is anxious to see a strong tariff policy inaugurated if possible without any disturbing influences.

This does not mean that there will be any policy of cowardly inaction in regard to Cuba. American citizens there will be protected at all hazards. In the event of any material change regarding the military conditions in the island a prompt recognition of the belligerent rights of the patriots will follow.

It has already been represented to some of the president's advisers that nothing would be so certain to expedite the passage of a satisfactory revenue measure as the prospect of warlike difficulty with some other country. It is this very political expediency which he desires to avoid.

He does not wish the country to think that he has created a war feeling for the express purpose of helping along the tariff bill. On the contrary, he will go out of his way to continue peaceful conditions so that the preparation and passage of the tariff measure may be based on prosperous peace lines. If it were to be considered as a war measure it would have to be revised after the danger had passed, and it is the aim of the administration to make a tariff bill which will last for a number of years and allow business interests to grow up with an assurance of permanency.

The one thing looked for which may change the present policy is a sudden emergency in Cuba. The butchery of a number of prisoners, an insult to Consul General Lee or some of his subordinates, or the evidence of any general policy of extermination would warrant immediate interference.

As newly as it can be expressed, the Cuban policy of the administration may be summed up in the declaration that the president has unbounded sympathy for the Cuban patriots, that he fully recognizes the popular sentiment in this country, and that in case of an emergency he will intervene wisely, swiftly, and without hesitation.

The Spanish government knows this and has already sent orders to Cuba that American interests are to be guarded at all hazards, and that every nerve is to be strained to avoid a conflict, for it is known positively that the new administration is only waiting for the right time and a sufficient excuse to put an end to the war in Cuba.

PATRIOTS ARE GAINING.

Insurgents More Active and the End Believed to be Near.

Havana, March 12.—Letters this week from intelligent observers in different parts of Cuba show that the patriot cause is gaining. One from an American says the end is not far off. Another contains these words: "The end must come soon."

These advices, taken together with corroborative facts received from other sources, make it clear now that it is utterly impossible for the Spanish to gain any material advantage before the rainy season. General Weyler seems to know this, and he is acting accordingly, withdrawing troops from the interior towns and strengthening the seaports, particularly along the north coast. He has this week abandoned Sancti Spiritus, and the rebels will soon be in undisputed control of Santa Clara province.

Outside the big cities the rebels are very active in Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio provinces. They have captured several small towns lately in Matanzas, and have again blown up a railroad train in Pinar del Rio.

Troops of Regla, Guanabacoa and other suburbs of Havana are being augmented. General Weyler may leave Havana again soon, but it will not be with the hope of securing advantage in the field. His main object now, according to military experts, is to prevent the possibility of the capture of seaports by the combined forces of Gomez and Garcia.

It is felt by the Spanish that if the rebels can obtain and hold even for a short time an important seaport they will demand and receive from the McKinley administration recognition as belligerents.

General Weyler can not defend both the country and the coast, and he seems to have decided to let the country, where his forces would be useless in the wet season, take care of itself while he concentrates his troops in the seaports to prevent their seizure.

On the whole the Spanish are disheartened at the defensive program, while the rebels are encouraged by the outlook, and are also cheered by the successful landing of several expeditions and the expectation of more. Men who have been in "the woods," but returned because they could get no arms, are going back again to the bush.

The suffering of the peaceful people and the usual barbarities of the Spanish continue.

INSANE WIFE LOYALLY CARED FOR.

Pathetic Story of Domestic Life Revealed by the Husband's Death.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 12.—The skeleton in a family closet has just been unveiled in this city through the death of P. P. Boylan, city treasurer. It is a pathetic story hitherto unknown to any except the very intimate friends of the Boylan family. It was known to the friends and neighbors that Mrs. Boylan never went out and never received visitors, but the reason for this conduct was not clear. Mr. Boylan fell dead of heart disease while on the way to the Roman Catholic church Friday night, March 5, and when friends went to the house to inform his wife she would not admit them. The doors were barred, the curtains down, and no response obtainable from the interior. The story then transpired that for thirty years Mrs. Boylan had been insane. During that time she has been cared for by her husband, who has cooked the meals, performed the housework and nursed his imbecile wife. For thirty years this faithful husband has never left his wife except for business or church engagements, and has kept secret the story of his family.

It was late Saturday night before an entrance could be effected, and then Mrs. Boylan ordered the intruders out. When told that her husband was dead she accused his friends of having murdered him, but refused to go to him. She had to be taken out of the house by force, and was carried to the jail, where she now is. It is probable that it will be necessary to send Mrs. Boylan to the asylum, as there are no living relatives to care for her.

Hunter's Warm Reception.

Frankfort, Ky., March 12.—The fight for the Republican senatorial nomination is on in earnest, and at the Capital hotel last night, where Judge Holt and Dr. Hunter have headquarters, great crowds gathered. Hunter was tendered an ovation on his arrival here this afternoon. He was met at the train by Attorney General Taylor, Auditor Stone and a great crowd of legislators and friends, and escorted to his headquarters with much enthusiasm. He said:

"I have enough votes pledged to nominate and to spare, and shall be elected whether four senators are unseated or not. They will not be unseated."

It is the purpose of Hunter people to nominate Friday night and elect Saturday. Although Blackburn will be here in the morning, his friends seem to have given up.

St. John Boyle, who was the nominee last winter, passed through Frankfort this afternoon, en route to Lexington. He will be here tomorrow. Augustus Wilson, Richard Ernest and John W. Lewis will be complimented by votes in the caucus. It looks like Hunter.

Kankakee has a new macadam road on Indiana avenue, which was a great success last summer, but the spring thaw undermined it and the street is now in worse shape before.

EXECUTE THREE MEN

Two Were Hung and One was Electrocutated—All were Convicted of Murder.

EVA BOOTH IS RECOVERING.

Vice Chancellor Reed of New Jersey Dismisses a Suit Brought Against the Tobacco Trust—Suit was Not Properly Brought.

Sing Sing, N. Y., March 12.—Arthur Mayhew, was electrocuted this morning for the murder, last March of Stephen Powell, the superintendent of the Hamstead Long Island Gas works. Powell was a man of seventy years. His custom was to carry large sums of money on his person. Mayhew and an accomplice knowing this lay in wait as Powell was on his way home about midnight, killed him and robbed the body of \$200. Mayhew's accomplice is now undergoing fifteen years' imprisonment.

SULLIVAN HANGED.

The Slayer of a Woman and a Child in New Brunswick Ends His Career on the Gallows.

Dorchester, N. B., March 12.—John E. Sullivan was hanged here this morning. Mrs. Eliza Dutcher kept a small tavern at Meadow Brook. One night last September, Sullivan entered the place for the purpose of robbery. Mrs. Dutcher, her son, eight years old, and daughter, ten years old, were the only inmates. Mrs. Dutcher was awakened and made an outcry. Sullivan killed her with an ax, then attacked the children killing the boy and badly injuring the girl. He then fired the house and fled. The neighbors rescued the unconscious child, but the bodies of the mother and son were cremated. The girl remained unconscious for several weeks but finally recovered. Her evidence convicted Sullivan.

HE WAS EXECUTED TO-DAY.

George Mathews Who Murdered J. J. Irwin Has Paid the Penalty of His Crime.

Laplata, Md., March 12.—George Mathews was hanged here this morning for the murder of J. J. Irwin last August. Mathews was an oyster dredger and was intimate with Mrs. Irwin whose husband was a prosperous but illiterate farmer. Mathews shot him while he was asleep. A piece of paper used to load the gun was found in Irwin's brain and the paper from which it was torn was found in Mathews' cabin. He confessed he and Mrs. Irwin conspired to put Irwin out of the way, but when the woman was brought to trial he refused to testify against her and she was acquitted.

Eva Booth Recovering.

Toronto, Ont., March 12.—Commissioner Eva Booth of the Salvation army who has been seriously ill, is pronounced out of danger.

Thinks Greece Must be Met by Force.

Vienna, March 12.—Semi-officially the Fremdenblatt says the view of the Greek reply taken by the powers is that it can be replied to only by the employment of force to induce Greece to obey the will of Europe.

Anti-Trust Suit Dismissed.

Trenton, N. J., March 12.—Vice Chancellor Reed has rendered a decision dismissing the bill against the American Tobacco Co. The suit was brought against the tobacco trust in the name of the attorney general and the Miller Bros., tobacco dealers, for the purpose of restraining the trust from conducting business in a manner prejudicial to the Miller and injuries to the people of the state of New Jersey. The vice chancellor says the question whether the company is legally organized is one which should be determined by quo warranto proceedings. The legality of the organization assumed, however, it follows there is no more right to restrain the corporation from exercising privilege selling to whom it pleases than to restrain an individual. He says the effort to restrain an individual in that respect would not be thought of.

Defunct Prickett Bank.

Edwardsville, Ill., March 12.—E. P. Keshner of Carlyle, the expert appointed by the court to examine the affairs of the defunct bank of John A. Prickett & Son, of this city, submitted his report at a meeting of creditors yesterday afternoon. Expert Keshner, in his report says that the Western Investments represented an expenditure of \$203,493.55, for which there is not a scrap of paper in the bank to show. Mr. Keshner further states that the late Major John A. Prickett who was president of the bank, overdraw his accounts, \$53,847.78, and that up to June 9, 1895, overdrafts to the

amount of \$49,730.45 were carried as bank assets, and then charged to profit and loss. In conclusion, Mr. Keshner says:

"While many of the withdrawals during the last thirty days were in the course of ordinary business, I am inclined to believe that a number of depositors received warning. The western investments, I am satisfied, were made by and with the full knowledge of the members of the firm."

STATUS OF THE ILLINOISANS.

Horace Clark Will Secure a Foreign Mission—Clark E. Carr Gets Nothing.

Washington, March 12.—Horace Clark of Mattoon, has obtained the foremost place among the Illinoisans for a diplomatic position. The senators and representatives finding it necessary to concentrate their influence on one candidate, informed the president yesterday that Mr. Clark was their choice for the first appointment to be given Illinois in foreign appointments. Mr. Clark wanted Italy or Mexico. The president said both of these countries had been promised. He told Mr. Clark to give him a list of missions any one of which would be acceptable. The candidate has submitted Japan, Brazil, the Argentine Republic, Peru and Chili. It is the impression of the senators that Mr. Clark will get Peru or Chili.

Clark E. Carr will get nothing. His congressman, Mr. Prince, has refused to endorse him. Mr. Prince says Mr. Carr has been in office thirty-two years and he ought to give others a chance. Mr. Prince will ask for his district a good consulate. His candidate is A. J. Lieberlicht, the editor of the Genesee Republican.

In the course of the consideration of Mr. Lieberlicht's case it came out that the president does not consider it good policy to send a man as a minister or a consul to the land of his nativity. Mr. Lieberlicht will not be given anything in Germany. This rule will apply generally.

The Swedish-American League of Chicago, has asked the appointment of a member to a place in Sweden. The request can not be granted.

Tried to Die in Her Wedding Dress.

Indianapolis, March 12.—A rather sensational and mysterious suicide was discovered at the Grand hotel yesterday afternoon. About 1 o'clock in the morning a pretty and handsomely dressed young woman, appearing to be about 26 or 27 years old, arrived at the hotel and registered as Mrs. K. Jenney Doly of Middleton, Ohio. The chambermaids were unable to enter her room during the morning, and finally the hotel authorities became alarmed, and about 8 o'clock one of the bell boys entered the room through the transom. He found the young woman fully dressed, lying in the bed in a pool of blood, with a small pistol at her side. She had shot herself in the temple, but was not yet dead. The bullet had fractured the temporal bone, but had glanced off. She may recover. Telegrams have been sent to Middleton in the effort to identify her, but replies have not yet been received. At the bedside of the young woman was found the following note:

"To Whom It May Concern—Hold no autopsy, but bury me in my wedding clothes, as I am now. Notify R. Alice Doly, 10 Clinton street, Middleton, O."

A letter was found, addressed to Miss Alice Doly, and one to Mrs. Lovey Elliott, Woodbury, Ontario.

This evening a telegram was received from Middleton, signed Oliver Cousins, asking for particulars. In her delirium the young woman has called the name "Oliver," and it is thought she referred to Oliver Cousins. She seemed to be in fear.

Mrs. McKinley Visits Gen. Hastings.

Washington, March 12.—Mrs. McKinley, accompanied by Miss Mabel McKinley and General and Mrs. Botsford, left the White House in Mr. McKinley's private carriage about 11 o'clock yesterday morning and was driven to the Garfield hospital. Mrs. McKinley carried a large bouquet of flowers for General Hastings, and personally gave them to him. She was the bearer of President McKinley's regrets that he could not call. Mrs. McKinley inquired closely about General Hastings' condition, and requested that all possible be done for his comfort. General Hastings is resting comfortably, and is grateful for the attention shown him. His friends, General and Mrs. Botsford, remained with him the greater part of the day.

The Delegates Bolted.

St. Louis, March 12.—Seven delegates representing the Pacific jurisdiction embracing nine states in the sovereign Campwoods Men's Circle, the ladies auxiliary of the Woodmen of the world, claiming they were ignored in making up the committees and officers of the sovereign camp, bolted the convention being held here and formed an organization electing supreme officers. They claim other states will join them.

Col. Fred Grant is a candidate for ambassador to Berlin. He is endeavoring to secure the support of the Illinois delegation.

MAY YET BE WAR.

The Powers are Unable to Create a Condition of Settlement.

ARE NOT UNITED ON COERCION.

Blockade of Greece and Crete Absolutely Impossible—An Attempt to Carry Out Coercion May Mean General War.

Athens, March 12.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—In spite of the repeated assertions in the different capitals of Europe that the powers are acting in concert it is remarked here that if this were true the threatened coercion would have been accepted long ago. There seems to be only three ways out of the difficulty. First, for the powers to accept the offers of Greece to allow her army, under foreign officers, to pacify the island, followed by a plebiscite to decide whether the Cretans shall have annexation or autonomy. Second, the coercion of Greece by a blockade of the Greek coasts and Crete. This would be dangerous, and difficult. It would require an immense fleet as almost innumerable islands composing the Grecian archipelago would make such a blockade ineffective. Besides Greece's reply would probably be the lighting of the fires of war in Macedonia, the beginning of a conflagration which might spread all over Europe. The third solution is found in the renewed rumors that King George of Greece may abdicate in favor of the crown prince Constantine, whose wife is a sister of Emperor William of Germany. Many believe this a means of clearing the situation. In any case the war fever is apparently subdued no doubt on account of the popular belief that an agreement may be reached between Greece and Turkey directly for a settlement of the Cretan question. This belief, however, is not held in diplomatic circles where it is said a settlement can be arrived at only through the powers. But there is no cessation of military activity here or at Salonica. On both frontiers troops occupy strategic positions. Reinforcements are being pushed forward night and day. Armed peasants on both sides of the frontier are the most dangerous factors. A conflict there may occur any moment, then it may be beyond human power to stem the tide of war which has been so long rising for a long time.

Great Britain proposed that gendarmes be organized in Crete by utilizing Greek troops but not using the Greek flag nor Greek officers. Russia eventually answered that as the powers had presented the ultimatum to Greece, and as Greece replied by offering to withdraw her fleet the answer is conciliatory and partly satisfactory; therefore, Russia proposed to further a collective note demanding the withdrawal of Greek troops from Crete. France seconded the reply of Russia. Germany during the negotiations objected to the proposition that each of the powers advance a certain sum to pay for gendarmes and the expense of organizing an autonomy in Crete. Germany is unwilling to spend a penny for that purpose.

France this afternoon proposed to Great Britain that the powers immediately organize gendarmes in the name of the governor of Crete, he to be from Holland, Belgium or Switzerland. Several names were considered. Great Britain pointed out previous Cretan gendarmes ran away and mutinied, that the Greek troops are best available for that purpose. Consequently this proposal will probably be the modus vivendi by which the situation will be solved, as no doubt the Greeks will accept.

Proposal of the Admirals.

Paris, March 12.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—The following semi-official announcement was made this afternoon: "The powers, while united upon principle, have not yet been able to reach a solution of the Cretan question. Proposals and objections are being hourly exchanged. The program drawn up by the admirals in Cretan waters is as follows: First blockade, Crete; second blockade, Piraeus and some other Greek ports. Third, seizure, by a detachment of the fleet, of telegraph offices at Syria; fourth, any Greek warships encountered to be taken to the island of Milo and kept there. Fifth, any Greek warships firing on any foreign warships to be sunk and the act to be considered a casus belli. Sixth, any Greek torpedo boat nearing foreign warship to be fired at. Seventh, as the blockade of Greece will require all the crews of the foreign warships, each power is to send to Crete one battalion of infantry, not less than 600 in number. The admirals have telegraphed these proposals to their governments. Germany immediately telegraphed acceptance of the proposals down

to the seventh and would accept that in principle but had not a battalion available. Austria wired it would accept all the proposals but must have time to consult the emperor at Cape Matin. Italy telegraphed its acceptance of all the proposals subject to submission to the cabinet council which will be done in three days. Russia and Great Britain and France are silent.

AT THE FIGHTERS' CAMP.

A Grand Rowdy Show Over Siler's Construction of Rules.

Carson, March 12.—For a time it looked as if there would be a regular row between the camps of the fighters, regarding interpretation of the rules of the ring made by Siler. Dan Stuart, however, took matters in his own hands, and in a short time he managed to patch up peace and avoid the threatened storm. The main obstacle in the way of pulling off the fight without a squabble was Fitzsimmons, who declared that he did not like the reading of the rules made by Siler and did not propose to agree upon anything until he and Corbett were in the ring. Stuart ordered a carriage and drove out to Fitzsimmons' ranch and had a talk with the lanky fighter.

"The only thing for you to do, Fitzsimmons," said Stuart, "is to come to some agreement on the thing. The sooner you do it the better it will be for all concerned. What we want and all that Siler wants is for you and Corbett to agree on something that will suit you both, something that will be fair to you both. Now, I suggest that one of your men and one of Corbett's men meet me at my office tomorrow afternoon, talk the matter over and see if some agreement cannot be reached."

Stuart left Fitzsimmons' camp with the positive assurance that Fitzsimmons would be represented at the conference at 3 o'clock today. The consent of the Corbett people was obtained without any trouble.

Fitzsimmons took it rather easy yesterday, the principal part of his work being a ten-mile run. In the afternoon he sparred ten rounds with Hickey and Stelzer and wrestled a little with Roeder, and wound up the work by punching the bag.

"I'm not making any objections to the rules as a whole," said Fitzsimmons. "All I want is to keep the other fellows from getting any advantage over me. I want an even show, nothing more. I know I can lick Corbett, and I will if they work no fine schemes on me."

Corbett had intended to send a letter to Siler regarding his opinion of the latter's construction of the Marquis of Queensberry rules, but the plan for the conference changed matters.

"I'm not going to say anything at present," said Corbett, "but the conference will settle things. All I care about is to keep Fitzsimmons from getting any undue advantage. I want nothing myself that I am not willing to concede to him."

Siler has received a number of telegrams from prominent sporting men all over the country commenting upon the construction of the rules he had made. One of them was from Billy Madden, in New York, as follows:

"Your construction of the rules is the same as that of Angel. Stick to that."

Angel is the well known referee of London and is an acknowledged authority on all ring events.

Corbett's work consisted of the regular run on the road, the champion covering about ten miles with Jeffries for a companion. In the afternoon he punched the bag and sparred with his trainers.

Second Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, March 12.—As this is cabinet day it was comparatively quiet around the White House and the President was enabled to give an uninterrupted half hour to a large accumulation of routine department business. The cabinet was in session over an hour. The meeting was devoted to the details of organizing the several executive departments. It was stated positively after the meeting ended that no changes in the status of Cuban affairs was considered; that the present condition of the question is regarded as entirely satisfactory. The senate committee on foreign relations had a protracted session considering the arbitration treaty. The chief question was as to whether the treaty should be reported with the amendments. No conclusion was reached. The committee will meet again Monday.

Pingree Wins Again.

Lansing, Mich., March 12.—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the circuit court at Detroit holding that D. W. H. Moreland, a private citizen, had no right to commence proceedings to oust Governor Pingree from the mayorship of Detroit. The court announced that an order would be entered directing the common council to show cause why a mandamus should not issue to compel it to order a special election for mayor and requiring the attorney general to file a petition against the council.

News-Record

At The Grand.

Minstrel To-Night.

Boach & Bowers minstrels will appear tonight. A great bill is offered at 10, 20 and 30 cents. The negro conversations and dialogues are all new, original and funny, the singing is as nearly perfect as is heard in the very best of opera companies; the specialties cannot be beaten, the pantomime and other features are decidedly laughable and intensely interesting and there was never any better dog show on any stage than was presented at the close of the evening's entertainment. The dogs are the most thoroughly trained and educated ever seen in this city, and they are made to do some entirely new and astonishing tricks.

Six Nights.

The Arnold Wofford comedy drama company, with a great display of special scenery will be at the Grand every night next week in a run of plays. Prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents. "Brand of Cain" Monday night.

A NOVELTY TRIP.

Christian Endeavor Members Going to California in Their Mind.

Seven different Endeavor societies of the city will assist in getting up the "Trip to California" at the tabernacle Tuesday night. Quite elaborate preparations are being made.

There will be two trains, with two cars in each train. The cars will be formed on the floor of the tabernacle by arranging chairs like the seats of sleeping cars. There will be a conductor, brakeman, news agent and porter for each car. Only one engineer will be needed, it is thought, to run the two trains, though there will be a fireman for each train. The news agents will sell everything usually sold by news agents and the passengers must all have tickets, which will be a yard long and with many interesting coupons on them. There will be waiting rooms in the tabernacle and booths by the different societies. Each booth will represent a different city and a stop will be made at each one. All the different cities will have something to sell and something interesting will be said about each city by one of the persons there. One of the cities to be visited will be Carson City and the people to be in charge of that booth are wondering what they can say about that city. Of course anybody who wants to do so can go on this trip, even many who cannot go to the big Endeavor convention at San Francisco in July, and the managers are hoping to take a big crowd because they want the money for the county union.

THE S. OF V. RECEPTION.

A Pleasant Entertainment and a Good Time Generally.

The members of Col. I. C. Pugh Camp, No. 14, Sons of Veterans, assisted by Mrs. K. Harwood, gave a very pleasant entertainment last night at Grand Army post hall, there being a large attendance despite the unfavorable state of the weather. The comedy with the tragic title "Murder Will Out" was given in capital style by Miss Maude McCune as Lena Stiles; Mrs. O. T. Kirk, as Grandma Stiles; Mrs. F. O. Darow, as Dinah; Mrs. E. Tinch-er and Mrs. V. Simeral, Misses Minnie and May Taylor. The applause was flattering. Then followed the card games. Refreshments were served at a nominal cost. The evening was one of rare pleasure. The sons of Veterans realized a neat sum which will be used to better equip the organization.

SUICIDE GETS INSURANCE.

Decision in Sangamon County on a Pythian Case.

Judge Shirley in the Sangamon circuit court made an important decision this week in an insurance case. It was that of Mrs. Louise Henry, who sued the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias for \$3500 insurance on the life of her husband, Charles Henry. The defense was that by law of the supreme lodge exempted suicides from benefits from the insurance, but the plaintiff proved that the by law was not made by the supreme lodge, but only by the board of control and then ratified by the supreme lodge. Judge Shirley held that the bylaw was not binding on Henry unless the supreme lodge made it and instructed the jury to find for Mrs. Henry.

Appreciation.

A writer of exceptionally good sense has said, "We remember the quality long after the price is forgotten."

A tricycle, a garment, an article of furniture, a musical instrument, a carriage, anything we buy, becomes a perpetual pleasure, if it is right. Whatever the extra cost, we congratulate ourselves, a thousand times over, that we paid for it, and made sure of the thing we enjoy.

Fine quality in bicycles costs a trifle more in the original purchase price, but lasts three times as long as the less expensive ones, is always a source of pride, comfort and pleasure. The Cleveland has since its introduction to the public, been the most popular and satisfactory wheel on the market. This year they show the same program as heretofore, and have on the market, the best bicycle possible to build. We will be very glad to show you the full line of 1897 models. Their beautiful finish speaks for itself, and the quality of workmanship is well known in this city where they have been leaders for the last five years.

Buy a Cleveland and feel content.
—S. J. H. Mueller Gun Co.

SLEEPING ALL THE NIGHT.

How to Teach a Baby This Desirable Trait.

It is not wise to attempt to teach a baby more than one thing at a time. Neither the mother's strength nor the child's endurance should be taxed to carry on several contests at once. All forces may wisely be concentrated on the vital points, one after another.

It will require some days after the baby submits to regular feeding to ascertain just how much it can assimilate each time it eats, and what is the best interval to maintain between meals. During this experimental period, even though the hours of sleep do not receive especial attention, the hours of feeding will of necessity determine to some extent the periods of rest. If sufficiently well fed a baby even a month old can easily go without food from eleven p.m. to five a.m. And when once convinced that no food will, in any event, be forthcoming between those hours, it will usually fall into the habit of sleeping soundly during this time. Should it prove impossible, even after weeks of patient experiment, to induce the child to sleep these six hours without food, it may be considered as positively proved that the food it consumes during the day is not sufficient for the demands of its system. If it has been fed regularly every two hours during the day from five a. m. to eleven p. m. it has had ten meals, and this should be enough to carry any child through the other six hours of fasting, unless the food is essentially deficient in quantity or quality, or both. Therefore, if after persistent trial the baby cannot be made to sleep at night without feeding, its food should at once be the subject of consultation between the mother and her physician. As almost all young children are fed too much in quantity, the quality of the food is, in 90 cases out of 100, the element requiring investigation.

If, however, this unbroken night's sleep is once accepted as a rule by the child, we should begin at once gradually to lengthen the time at both ends. The child should not be fed a minute before five o'clock, even if it is awake, and when it does not awake on time it should be allowed to sleep on as long as it will. In this way it will itself, gradually and without any struggle, increase the hours of rest.—Harper's Bazar.

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The central Illinois teachers' association will convene at Galesburg, March 26th, and continue in session until the 27th. The ablest teachers of central Illinois will be present and the meeting will be one of profit to people outside the profession. Special rates will be made on the railroads.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s—Jan 29 d&wt.

Fitzsimmons has dreamed again that he won. His followers hope that he will do no dreaming after he gets into the ring.

Election Notice.

An election of officers and directors of the Decatur Greenwood cemetery association will be held at the office of Montgomery & Shull, 141 East Main street, Decatur, Ill., between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 19, '97. R. R. Montgomery.—13-dtd

Come Here, to Live.

Decatur is our home and at 630 Wabash avenue, we are ready to clean carpets any hour of the day. This is our only business and we give it our personal attention; doing the best of work at reasonable prices. Hayes & Anthony, both phones, No. 687.—8-dw

Kankakee has a new macadam road on Indiana avenue, which was a great success last summer, but the spring thaw undermined it and the street is now in worse shape before.

According to the report of the committee on poor farm made to the Macon county board of supervisors the board of the paupers for last quarter has cost 87 cents a week per capita.

The water power at Kankakee has been sold to an electric light company for \$25,000. The company expect to put in a \$50,000 plant and furnish power to other industries.

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Col. Fred Grant is a candidate for ambassador to Berlin. He is endeavoring to secure the support of the Illinois delegation.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Air Used by a Human Being.

Dr. Radcliffe Hall makes the following interesting calculation on the amount of air a human being of the average size and proportions will consume in the space of one minute when in repose, and also when in the different degrees of activity. When at rest we consume 500 cubic inches of air per minute; if we walk at the rate of one mile an hour we use 800; two miles, 1,000; three miles an hour, 1,600; four miles an hour, 2,300. If we start out and run six miles in an hour we will consume 3,000 cubic inches of air during every minute of that time.

A River That Petrifies.

The water of the river Tinto, in Spain, hardens and petrifies the sand of its bed, and if a stone falls in the stream and alights upon another, in a few months they unite and become one stone. Fish cannot live in its waters.

Mirror Made of Celluloid.

A London scientist has invented a mirror of celluloid which accurately reflects every object. The celluloid mirror is unbreakable, and is cheaper than glass, and lighter.

Jimmy Kelly, the eastern bookmaker, says he proposes to bet \$50,000 on Fitz, if he can get the money down.

Nat Goodwin thinks Fitzsimmons will win, and he has bet \$400 to \$500 on him.

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Munyon's Cold Cure cures colds in the head, colds on the lungs, old colds, new colds, and catarrhs of the nose and throat. It prevents catarrh, diphtheria, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. Those pleasant little pellets are absolutely harmless, have saved thousands of lives and prevented much sickness. Price 25c.

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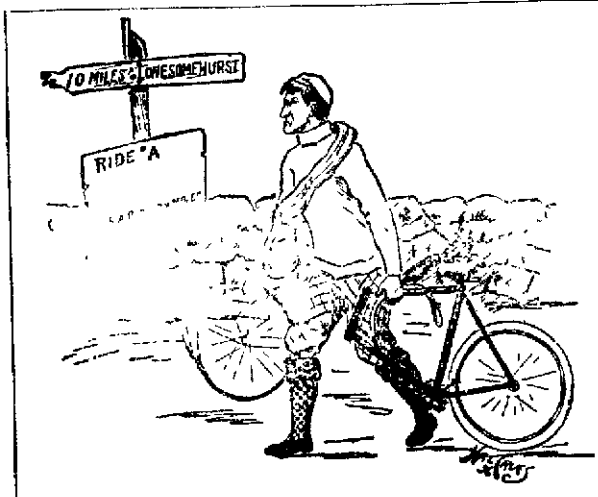
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FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, March 12.—Fair tonight and Saturday; much colder tonight; high northwest winds.

Unlike Cleveland President McKinley has served for years in congress and is familiar with the rules and courtesies in the dispensation of patronage.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland has been heard from. He is in the neighborhood of Cape Hatteras where he intends to shoot ducks and where the Atlantic squadron was tossed by the storm.

There will be no trouble now with the imprisonment of American citizens in Cuban dens. The doors will swing open as if they were greased. There will be no trifling with the new administration.

Ex-Senator Ingalls has stated that he intends to witness the prize fight in Nevada and will write it up. Being from Kansas, in view of the political battles fought there since Ingalls was in the senate, the prize fight will appear like a Sunday school to him.

A Janesville, Wis., woman cut off her hair while walking in her sleep. She may find consolation in the fact that lots of people have done more foolish things when they were wide awake. For example we refer to the election in 1892.

The fact may be noted that the advent of the new administration in this country has operated to materially modify the tone of the Spanish press as to its comments upon the people of the United States. In this case at least no press censor was required. Spain perhaps has concluded that she may not own this administration.

Some of the English papers advise Uncle Sam to stick to Democratic free trade as a matter of principle regardless of deficiencies. These papers ought to add in the interest of truth that we should stick to free trade regardless of idle American workmen and the crippled home market. However the Republican party is not now nor has it ever been following England's advice.

A Good Suggestion.
The Chicago Tribune makes a good suggestion in relation to the change of duties on sugar. It says that the committee on ways and means will recommend an increase of the duties on raw sugar for revenue purposes. But if the tariff bill of which that increase is to form a part does not become a law for weeks and months after it has been introduced there will be a repetition of the unhappy experiences of 1894.

During the long interval between the time when it was decided to take sugar off the free list and the date when the Wilson-Gorman law went into effect the sugar trust bought up and imported all the raw sugar it could find in the markets of the world. Those imports paid no duty to the government, which thus lost millions of revenue, but the consumers were charged as much for that sugar as if it had paid duty.

The trust will endeavor to play that game again to the loss of the government and its own enrichment. It will be successful if the sugar question is handled in the customary way. But it need not be. The sugar schedule should be put in a separate bill and acted on first. It can be sent to the senate next week. That body, slow as it is in its movements, ought to be able to dispose of it in a few days.

It is not denied by the Democratic senators that there must be more revenue and that one of the simplest, easiest ways of getting it is by increasing the sugar duty. Even if there are senators who for some reason are opposed to an increase they must feel that they are powerless to prevent it, and that factions opposition on their part can only delay the time when the government will begin collecting higher duties.

Factional opposition to a measure which included sugar alone would be manifestly in the interests of the trust to enable it to stock up with sugar. It is doubtful whether there are any senators who would be so indifferent to public sentiment as to obstruct the passage of a sugar bill and thus deprive the government of revenue.

There are other schedules which may be dealt with in the same way. The duties on tobacco are to be increased. Every available bale of Sumatran tobacco may be imported under the present lower duty if the tariff question is considered as a whole, and no law is enacted until every item has been brought over. In that case the government will lose millions of revenue and the importers will make millions. President McKinley drew a length in his inaugural message on the necessity for adequate revenue. Congress should give him additional revenue speedily. The

way to do it is to legislate first regarding those commodities which are sure to be imported in large quantities in anticipation of the advance in duties. Other articles can be dealt with in a general tariff bill.

The Canadian government can change duties summarily by an "order in council" when the public interest requires it. If the president had the same power the sugar duties could be raised provisionally at once and the sugar trust be baffled. He has not that power. Hence the greater responsibility rests on congress, and it should legislate quickly.

Will be Taken Home.

This afternoon a telegram was received by J. M. Gray from Rev. Funda of Arlington Heights, near Chicago, in regard to the disposition of the body of Robert Mitchell, who died in the county jail this morning. Mr. Funda is a brother-in-law of Mitchell and sends word that he will be here this evening and requests that the body be properly cared for until his arrival.

The Circuit Court.

This afternoon the jury in the Walker-Hight case was still out trying to agree upon a verdict. These were the docket entries in common law cases:

Henry W. Sharpless et al vs William Moser et al, assumpsit; default; judgment for \$755.30.

City Electric Railway Co. vs Alma M. Kinney; assumpsit; continued.

Funeral of Miss Fulton.

The funeral of the late Miss Isabel Fulton was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of her mother, Mrs. Fulton, No. 1168 North Water street. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

R. H. Wade Dead.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 12.—K. H. Wade, general manager of the Southern California railway, was found dead in his apartments today. It is supposed that apoplexy was the cause of his death.

Active steps are being taken for the construction of a railroad from Springfield to East Clinton on the Mississippi, via Pekin and Peoria.

The Balancing of Trees.

A very interesting suggestion concerning the utility to a tree of the irregular arrangement of its branches is made by a correspondent. Watching a large plane tree during a gale, he observed that while one great limb swayed in one direction, the other swayed the opposite way, and, although all the branches were plunging and bending before the blast, they did not move in unison, or all at once in the same direction. But for the peculiarity of the motion of the branches, he thinks, the tree could not have escaped uprooting; and he suggests that this kind of balancing serves in general to protect large trees, like oaks and beeches, which have their branches unsymmetrically placed, from being overturned by high winds.—Nature.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 12, 1897.
THE REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stock with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations:

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close- ing.
Wheat—				
March	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
July	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Corn—				
March	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2	24 1/2
July	23 1/2	23 3/4	23 1/2	23 1/2
Oats—				
March	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/2	17 1/2
July	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2	16 1/2
Flour—				
March	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 1/2
July	4 1/2	4 3/4	4 1/2	4 1/2
May	4 3/4	4 5/8	4 3/4	4 3/4

May wheat: put, 71 1/2; call, 73 1/2; curb 73 1/2.

TO-BE'S RECEIPTS—CASH LOTS.
Wheat—18, Estimated, 18, Year ago, 26.
Corn—165; Estimated, 147; Year ago, 283.
Oats—251; Estimated, 228; Year ago, 179.

MARKETS FROM 10-MORROW.
Wheat, 20; Corn, 125; Oats, 200.
Rye receipts 17,000; estimated, 20,000. Market strong.

Light, \$3.75@3.90; Mixed, \$3.50@3.67; Heavy \$3.50@3.65; Rough \$3.45@3.55.
Estimated for to-morrow, 14,000.
Castle receipts, 3,000. Market firm.

PRICING QUOTATIONS.

PHOENIA, March 12.—Wheat, steady, No. 2, white, 21 1/2; No. 2, white, 17 1/2@20; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.
NEW YORK, March 12.—Wheat, May, 78 1/2; Corn, May, 25 1/2; Oats, May, 21 1/2.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.
ST. LOUIS, March 12.—Wheat, cash, 92@93; May, 93; Corn, cash 20 1/2; May, 21 1/2; Oats, cash, 17; May, 18.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure, and the most dreaded habitual sick headache yields to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. 50c and \$1.00 at West's drug store.

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Curious Criminal Law Provision in Burma.

An Englishman who has penetrated into the almost unknown mountain region which divides Burma from the frontier states of the Chinese empire has brought back some curious details about the Shans, as the people who live in that country are called.

The Shans punish homicide with death, but the singular feature about the execution is that before it takes place the condemned is taken through the bazaar of the town where he is to die, and at every liquor shop is given a drink of what he chooses. The result is that most murderers reach the "Execution Tree" in a state of hilarious or maudlin intoxication. When brought to the death place the name and crime of the criminal are read out, and the slip of bamboo on which they are written is tossed over his head. The criminal then kneels down, his arms are tied behind his back, and his head is struck off, Chinese fashion.

There is a curious mixture of Jewish and Teutonic in the criminal law, however; for the relatives of the murdered man or woman have the privilege of taking 300 rupees indemnity and letting the slayer go, or they may demand life for life.

In marriage, too, the custom is most curious. The bridegroom's procession advances to the bride's house, its way is blocked by ropes at various points, and the expectant husband has to pay toll. When he reaches the bride's house the pair eat rice together, and their hands are tied together with a string.

The funeral ceremonies are also different from those which are known to exist. A piece of money is placed in the dead man's mouth, and the body is carried out in a coffin, gayly decorated with tinsel and colored paper, accompanied by the chief mourners, who dance as they go to the grave. The eldest son walks ahead, carrying a naked sword to clear the way through the opposing spirits.

When the grave is reached the wives and children of the dead man and his brother walk three times around the coffin, carrying a couple of lighted candles, the priests say their prayers, and the body is buried. Before the party goes home an aged man ties each person's wrist round with a piece of string to prevent his butterfly escapades, for the Shans believe that each man's spirit takes the form of a butterfly, which leaves him when he is asleep or unconscious. The string is worn until it falls off of itself. In like manner, when a traveler comes back from a journey, his wrists are bound with a string to prevent his butterfly again wandering off on its own account.—N. Y. Journal.

MAN'S POLAR CURIOSITY.

Prompt Him to Explore Unknown Portions of the Earth.

It is plain that man's curiosity will never be satisfied until all parts of the earth, every nook and cranny of the world, shall have been investigated by him, their conformations set down upon his charts and their physical aspects recorded in his books. Africa is no longer terra incognita to him, for all parts of the sometime dark continent have been visited by inquisitive man and the screech of the locomotive and the whirr of the dynamo is not unfamiliar along the Congo and Niger. Only at the poles does nature laugh to see puny man recoil baffled before impassable seas and mountains of eternal ice.

North and south this year will go forth expeditions of indomitable explorers in another series of efforts to reach the poles. There is this year, however, a disposition to confine most of the energy to Antarctic exploration.

The mystery which has always surrounded polar expeditions is certainly more intense when concerned with those directed toward the south pole. The failure of the Antarctic explorers to determine anything definite concerning the south polar continent, if there be one, or the flora and fauna of such lands as do exist may account for this additional interest. The vast ice barrier which stands between human curiosity and this unknown land, the awful depth of these seas, the silence and danger have all deepened this mystery and lent an attraction to Antarctic discovery.

The Scotch and Norwegians have made some important finds in the south polar regions, and less than three years ago Borzhgrink added more largely to our stock of Antarctic information than anyone since the days of Ross. This year three expeditions to that region will be fitted out, one from Belgium and the other two from our own country. Neither of the American projects, however, has either sufficient money or adequate scientific preparations behind it.

One reason why investigation has been turned from the north to the south pole is that science and commerce have some reason for believing that the supply of seals and whales which once made Arctic expeditions profitable may be found duplicated in Antarctica.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Practical Test.

"Here, stop that!" This exclamation came from young Mr. Hazelwood and was addressed to little Robbie Riverside, who was keeping the young man company until Robbie's big sister should descend to the parlor.

"What are you sticking pins in me for?" Mr. Hazelwood demanded of the little fellow.
"Pa said that you were thick skinned, and I wanted to see if it was so," replied Master Robbie.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

—Light requires eight minutes and 18 seconds to pass from the sun to the earth when at its mean distance; therefore, when we look at the sun we see him, not where he actually is, but where he was about eight minutes and 18 seconds ago; his true place is then always in advance of his apparent place.



Sickness makes a man's hands useless. General and nervous debility holds him down just as surely as a great weight. He feels that he is down, but he hasn't strength or energy enough to get up again. His whole body seems tired out. His head is heavy. All effort is distasteful. He is as tired, in the morning as he was when he went to bed. The sleep he gets is heavy, dreamful, and unrefreshing. His body is full of tremor, headaches, impure blood. He is subject to dizziness and palpitation of the heart at the least exertion. He is on the direct road to serious sickness. Few men appreciate how serious is their case when they say: "Oh, there is nothing the matter with me. My blood is a little out of order; that is all."

Pure blood is essential to life. The more impure it becomes, the stronger hold disease has on the system. If, instead of containing health-giving, life-giving properties, the blood is full of disease-breeding impurities, how is the daily waste of the tissues to be replaced? It is perfectly natural that a man will lose vitality and nerve force—that he will lose flesh and vigor. He will be useless to himself and to everyone else.

Impure blood comes from perfectly reasonable causes, and if the proper measures are taken, it is easy to purify it. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the greatest blood-purifier that was ever known. It is more than this. It is a cleanser and invigorator for the whole system. It strengthens the digestion, works directly on the liver, restoring it to healthy, normal action. It soothes and strengthens the nerves, makes assimilation easy and nutrition perfect. It drives all impurity out of the blood, and substitutes just the material needed to bring the whole body back to the highest state of life.

When constipation is one of the symptoms of debility, Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used to clear the system of effete matter, and permit the "Discovery" to do its best work. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and a mild cathartic. These two medicines may be had at any good drug store, and full particulars concerning them will be sent, on request, by the Medical Discovery Medical Association, No. 643 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Republican City Convention.

A Republican City Convention will be held at Abbott's Hall, West Prairie avenue, in Decatur, on Wednesday, March 11, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, to-wit:

Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney and City Treasurer, to be voted for at the city election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1897, and also to elect a city central committee.
The ward representation in said convention will be as follows: For every twenty-five votes cast for D. H. Conklin for mayor in 1895, and one vote for each fraction of thirteen votes and over, as will be as follows:

1st Ward.....12 Delegates.
2d Ward.....11 " "
3d Ward.....12 " "
4th Ward.....9 " "
5th Ward.....9 " "
6th Ward.....12 " "
7th Ward.....7 " "

Total.....77 Delegates.
The polls at the primaries in the respective wards will be open at 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, March 10, 1897, and will close at 8 p. m. of said day, and all Republicans are requested to attend said primaries in the respective wards between said hours, and by ballot express their choice of candidates for city offices, and any candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in any ward will receive the votes of the delegates of such ward in the convention.

Immediately after said polls are closed, the voters being assembled for that purpose, delegates will be selected to the city convention, and a central committee-man from each ward will be elected to serve for the next two years, and candidates for aldermen will be nominated by ballot in each ward. The primaries and ward conventions will be held in the respective wards at the following places:

1st Ward—at Street Car barn, E. North street.
2d Ward—at W. H. Starr's Wholesale House.
3d Ward—at Baker's Warehouse.
4th Ward—City Council Room, Court House.
5th Ward—at George Kraft's Bottling Works.
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AN AUDITOR.

LADY CARLINGFORD was a woman with a purpose in life, expending her energies on every kind of charitable work amongst the poor. By way of recreation she occasionally turned her attention to other affairs. Her most recent idea was that my society was not desirable for her youngest daughter, Nora.

I was not surprised, therefore, at the manner in which she greeted me when I called.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Aynesworth," she said, coldly, as she laid aside some knitting. Lady Carlingford was continually engaged upon the making of altogether impossible garments for people who did not want them. "I thought we had agreed that—"

"Exactly, Lady Carlingford," I broke in, cheerfully; "we agreed that I should not call here for the present, but alas!" I added, with a sigh, "duty must be attended to." And I held up a neat little parcel in brown paper which I had brought with me.

Young Clarence Carlingford, a boy of 14, who was sitting behind his mother, began to grin.

"Does that," said Lady Carlingford, looking at the parcel through her lorgnettes, "represent duty?"

"Yes. As you know," I continued, with a modest air, "I take an active interest in social work amongst the poor."

Lady Carlingford appeared surprised.

"Indeed?" she said, politely. Young Lance, catching my eye, deliberately winked at me.

"Being aware of this, Mr. Stafford, who usually audits the books of the Pearl-lane soup kitchen, came and asked me to undertake the work; he was so busy—"

"Mr. Stafford busy!" exclaimed Lady Carlingford. "I did not know that he had ever done anything in this world, beyond the work you refer to!"

"O, no," I explained; "that is quite a mistaken impression. Stafford doesn't talk much, but I can assure you he gets through a tremendous amount of hard work."

Young Lance suddenly crammed his handkerchief into his mouth.

"Well?" said Lady Carlingford, the tone was not encouraging.

I drew myself up, and assumed a business-like manner.

"To-morrow," I said, "I have to submit my auditing report to the committee. I have examined the books, but there are a few discrepancies, which I should like explained. As Miss Nora keeps the accounts I thought you would pardon my calling; it is quite a business matter."

Young Lance rose from his seat and made for the door; he seemed to be agitated.

"It was quite right of you, Mr. Aynesworth," said Lady Carlingford, graciously. "Having all the details of the soup kitchen work at my finger tips, I shall be pleased to answer any questions."

This almost unnerved me; however, young Lance behaved in a most intelligent manner.

"All right!" he cried, as he banged the door open. "I'll fetch Nora in a jiffy!"

"Lancelot!" cried his mother, sharply; her son obliged me by pretending not to hear.

Lady Carlingford was thoughtful for a moment or so; then, resuming her knitting, she remarked:

"You know we are going away to-morrow, Mr. Aynesworth?"

As if that was not the very reason that I had bullied good-natured old Stafford into lending me the books! The facts were these: Nora was a girl of spirit, and what was better, had attained her majority. If she had consented to be my wife, I did not think her mother's views on the subject would have carried undue influence; the difficulty was, that matters had not reached this happy stage when Lady Carlingford had devoted her attention to the affair. Since then, of course, I had been allowed to opportunity, and now they were leaving for a long visit. The thought of what might happen during this time had made me resolve upon a desperate effort.

Nora came into the room. Never, in my opinion, had she presented a daintier appearance.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Aynesworth," she said, a slight blush on either cheek. Lance tells me there are some errors in the soup kitchen accounts. Are they very dreadful?" she added, a suspicion of a smile playing round the corners of her mouth.

"Well," I said, officiously, "there are several matters to be gone into."

It was a long room, with rather a low

ceiling, and the afternoon was drawing to a close.

"Bring the books to the little table in the window," said Nora; "you will see better."

I followed her up the room. Lady Carlingford glanced after us with a doubtful expression, but said nothing.

"The first thing," I began, as I untied the parcel—I was rather curious to see what the books were like—"is the question of—er—soup."

"What's that, Mr. Aynesworth?" cried out Lady Carlingford from her end.

Nora, who was sitting behind a large fern, her face hidden from her mother's view, began to laugh.

"I was going to say, Lady Carlingford," I continued, wondering what on earth an auditor would be likely to talk about—"O, that I could not find a voucher for the—er—vegetables," I finished.

I thought this was good. "Voucher" sounded business like, and I knew that vegetables were required for soup.

"If you will kindly look at the accounts," replied Lady Carlingford, in withering tones, "you will see that no vegetables whatever were purchased. My gardener supplied the entire quantity."

I looked, but saw nothing of the kind. However, I took her word for it.

"Yes, of course," I agreed, hurriedly. "How stupid of me!"

Nora was enjoying herself immensely behind the fern.

"Anything else?" said Lady Carlingford, in a voice that made me shiver. I decided on a bold move.

"Yes," I said. "I do not agree the least."

I found a book that had figures in it and pushed it towards Nora.

"Would you mind trying the pen of that column?" I said.

She bent her head over the book and examined it intently. It was upside down, by the way.

"Do you make it nine?" I queried, anxiously.

"No, eightpence-halfpenny," she replied. "Let's try it together!" she added, as if inspired.

I drew up my chair close to hers. A servant entered the room and engaged Lady Carlingford's attention.

It was now or never, I thought.

"Nora," I whispered, "your mother



NORA CAME INTO THE ROOM.

has asked me not to call—you are going away to-morrow, and I may never have another opportunity. You know I care for you more than for any other woman in this world. Will you—"

"Is there any mistake?" came from the other end of the room.

"We are trying the east, mamma!" faltered Nora.

"Lady Carlingford can have no real objection," I went on, hurriedly; "she will come round in time. Nora, will you be my wife?"

Her little finger was trembling, as it wavered aimlessly up and down the lines of figures.

"Haven't you finished with Mr. Aynesworth?" cried Lady Carlingford.

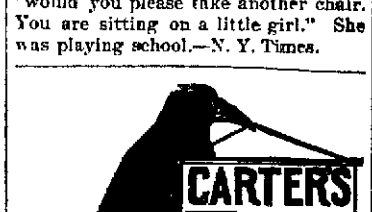
I looked at Nora anxiously.

"No, mamma," she said, calmly. "I haven't. I am going to marry him."

As I predicted, Lady Carlingford eventually saw matters from our point of view. It is always better to accept the inevitable with a good grace.—The Magnet Magazine.

Sat on an Imaginary Pupil.

Dorothy had the chains gathered around her and was sitting quietly in among them, evidently much engaged. Just what she was doing her grandmother did not know, but she sat down for a moment in one of the chairs to smile at the little girl and learn the cause of her absorption. "If you would not mind, grandmother," said Dorothy, "would you please take another chair. You are sitting on a little girl." She was playing school.—N. Y. Times.



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CURE FOR HUNCHBACKS.

A Medical Discovery Recently Announced in Paris.

An interesting and important medical discovery is reported from Paris, and is now occupying the attention of the Academy of Medicine, to which institution Dr. Calot has communicated the fact that he has discovered a cure for hunchbacks—at least in the case of children, where the mischief is in an incipient stage. The announcement was received by the faculty with a considerable spice of skepticism; but when he exhibited a series of photographs illustrating its effects on eight patients there was a revolution of feeling, and belief seems now to be entertained that something can be done, after all, if the deformity has not gone too far. Dr. Calot is practicing in a district where the affliction is not altogether rare, and thus he has been led to reflect on the possibility of cure, and, after pondering on the subject, to make experiments which he considers not only promising, but successful. The object, of course, is to bring the spinal column into a straight line. In the case of the children on whom the method was tried, large wadded bandages were applied to the spot, and were tightened by the operator with the exercise of considerable, but very careful, force.

A plaster mold was then affixed, and kept on for three or four months, the back being found to be quite flat on its removal. Another apparatus of a similar kind was then put on, and in some instances a third, the little patient being allowed, as soon as the result was satisfactory to walk about in stays. About ten months was the period usually required to insure a cure. Dr. Calot naturally admits that the original operation demands extreme care and attention, as a false movement might produce a rupture of the spine, and might thus lead to immediate death. Some of the children with whom he dealt had been hunchbacks for upwards of eight years. Dr. Calot does not as yet venture to assert his belief that much can be done for grown-up persons similarly afflicted, but he does not despair of alleviating their distressed condition. He is on the point of leaving for Italy to enjoy a little well-earned rest, and on his return he intends to give some practical illustrations of his mode of treatment to his medical colleagues. Any physician, in his opinion, could easily learn to operate as he has done, for, as he says, with much good feeling, "I should like all who have had to suffer from a deformity which has rendered their lives a cruel martyrdom to benefit by my discovery."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

BABOON SOLDIERS.

Military Maneuvers of the Criminals in South Africa.

Man is not the only animal who carries on his warfare by means of organized bands, and calls in the forces of nature to assist him. The German naturalist and traveler, Brehm, witnessed in Central Africa fights that were conducted in as orderly a manner as if the warriors had been really men, instead of only some of the like them in form.

The actors in the play were baboons, and their enemies were in one case the travelers' dogs, though the baboons were ready to fight with any creature that attacked them, man only excepted; and he owed his exemption solely to the fact that the baboons could not often gain a point of vantage.

The naturalist himself was once stoned out of a pass in a very few minutes by these creatures, who sprang upon ladders and stones, looked down for a few moments on the valley, growling, snarling, and then began to roll down stones with so much vigor and adroitness that the intruders took to flight. The baboons evidently knew the value of cooperation, for the naturalist saw two of them combine their efforts in order to set a particularly heavy stone rolling. One monkey, bent on making the most of his missile, was seen to carry a stone up a tree, that he might hurl it with greater effect.

On the occasion when the dogs attacked the baboons, the baboons were crossing a valley, and as usual during a march, the females and young were in the center, the males heading the column and bringing up the rear. As the dogs rushed upon them, only the females took to flight.

The males turned and faced the enemy, growling, beating the ground with their hands, and opening their mouths wide, so as to show their glittering teeth. They looked so fierce and malicious that the dogs—Arab greyhounds, accustomed to fight successfully with hyenas and other beasts of prey—shrank back. By the time they were encouraged to renew the attack, the whole herd had made their way, covered by the rearguard, to the rocks, one six-month-old monkey alone excepted.

This little monkey sat on a rock, surrounded by the dogs, but he was not long left in his perilous position. An old baboon stepped from a cliff near by, advancing toward the dog, keeping them in check by threatening gestures and sounds, picked up the baby monkey and carried it to a place of safety on the cliff, while the whole crowd of baboons watched the act of heroism and shouted their battle-cry.—*Youth's Companion.*

The Demand for Thermometers. A dealer in thermometers said that under ordinary conditions the sales of thermometers were about ten per cent. greater in winter than in summer. There were more people and so more buyers in town in winter, and he thought, too, that people were more interested in the temperature of winter weather than in that of summer. If there should be a prolonged spell of very hot weather in summer the sale of thermometers would increase enough to make it equal with the usual sale in winter. A like cold spell in winter, however, would increase the sale in that season, so that take it altogether the average sale of thermometers was greater in winter than in summer.—*N. Y. Sun.*

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Chicora, Pa., "Herald." Richard Vencel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vencel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectation very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The people of Macinaw are to vote Friday week upon the question of reorganization under the state law. Much interest is manifested and the result is doubtful.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such common ills, take DeWitt's Little Early Kieers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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The trades and labor assembly of Peoria has endorsed the bill for 2-cent fares on railroads, now pending in the legislature.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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Active steps are being taken for the construction of a railroad from Springfield to East Clinton on the Mississippi, via Pekin and Peoria.

Citizens of Clinton complain that hogs and cows are still allowed to run at large in the streets to the great damage of front yards at this season.

Ex-Governor Levi P. Morton was a passenger on the Cunard steamship Umbria, which left for Queenstown and Liverpool at 7 o'clock Saturday.

The citizens of Urbana will be called on to vote for or against license at the approaching municipal election.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Gallouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., writes: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail. Was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We don't keep store or house without it." At West's Drug Store.

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Am going out of business and must close out my stock immediately. We are offering the greatest bargains ever offered in Decatur. Seeing is believing; come and see and be convinced.

We have big bargains to offer you in our DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Children's Hose, reduced from 10c to 5c pair. Fine Large Bed Spreads at 50c. Ladies' Fine Wrappers at 75c and up. Best Table Oil Cloth at 12 1/2c yard. Best Heavy Cotton Socks reduced from 10c to 5c per pair.

We have some special bargains to offer in Ladies' Dress Skirts, Black, Navy and Shepard. Black, worth \$2.50, must sell at \$1.50. White in Black Brocade Brilliantine, worth \$3.00, for \$1.50. Dresses of all kinds made to order at very low prices. We have a large stock of Remnants to be closed out at a bargain.

We are offering the greatest bargains in GROCERIES.

Corn, Peaches, Peas, Blackberries, Squash, Pumpkins, etc., 5c per can. 50 lb. sack Flour, 10c per bag. Fine Northern Potatoes, 3c per bag. Fine Syrup reduced from 40c to 25c per lb. Bulk Tea reduced from 40c to 25c per lb. Coffee, 15c to 25c per lb. Baking Powder, 10c per lb. Tea reduced from 40c to 25c per lb. Calumet Soap, 10c per bar. Extra Large Herring, 10c each. Great Bargains in our SHOE DEPT.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce FRANK SHUTZMAN as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth ward at the approaching city election.

We are authorized to announce W. F. MARTIN as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce W. W. CONNOR as a candidate for constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce T. J. FURBER as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT THOMAS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce J. C. A. O'BRYEN as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the votes of the people.

We are authorized to announce HARRY K. MINKER as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE P. HARRY as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES E. MILLER as a candidate for Constable, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JOHN NICHOLS as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES S. CARROLL as a candidate for Town Collector, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are requested to announce J. C. HANNA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce P. B. PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES O'HARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. CALDWELL as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM HENRY as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce J. T. LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR P. FANNIN as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce LARRY H. MARTIN as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce S. T. HENRY as a candidate for Assessor for Decatur township, subject to the Republican primary election.

We are authorized to announce W. H. STORCH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce T. L. ANTHONY as a candidate for Constable, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR H. COFF as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce A. H. GORMAN as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

NOTICE. DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 22, 1897.

To the Stockholders of the Municipal Electric Company of Decatur, Ill.:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of said company will be held at the office of said company in Decatur, Illinois, upon the 15th day of March, 1897, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of authorizing the president and secretary of said company to execute, acknowledge and deliver the poles and mortgages of said company, said mortgages to cover the entire property, property rights, privileges and franchises of said company, and to be in the aggregate amount of \$100,000, and to be signed by such terms and for such time as shall be deemed expedient by the officers so authorized to execute said notes and mortgages, or as shall be particularly provided for by resolutions adopted at such meeting.

J. H. CULVER, Pres. t. [L. S.] Attest, F. H. CULVER, Sec'y.

Notice of Final Settlement. To the heirs and distributees of the estate of Hannah Sticker, deceased.

You are hereby notified that I, Geo. S. Conard, administrator of the estate of Hannah Sticker, deceased, have placed on file in the office of the clerk of the county court of DeKalb county, Illinois, a report as administrator of the said deceased, and that on the first Monday of April next, or as soon thereafter as may be heard by the court, I will report to the county court of said county for approval. Dated January, Illinois, this twelfth day of March, A. D. 1897.

Geo. S. CONNARD, Administrator.

FRENCHY HAL, NO. 349. Race Record 2:18 1/2 in a Winning Race.

FRENCHY HAL was sired by Valentine, sire of Vestrite (4), 2:08 1/2, and 2:04 1/2. Valentine, by 2:12 1/2, and 2:04 1/2. 2:04, Brown Hal 2:12 1/2, and 2:04 1/2. 2:04. First dam Brightness by Brightness, sire of Vestrite 2:11 1/2, Tascott 2:20, Kettle 2:25. Gals 2:26. Second dam Blackie, by Black Dick, sire of Black Dick, Jr., 2:14 1/2. Frenchy Hal's black horse foaled in 1891. He is 10 hands high, and has more speed than his record shows. His sire and dam are both producers. This horse is for sale or trade, and can be seen at W. F. Baker's Feed Yard on East Prairie street, Decatur, Ill. J. S. RACE, manager.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor. Jan 24-dw

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

O. G. T. Regular meeting of Decatur Lodge, No. 364, this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, sharp, in R. of P. hall, Library block, North Main St. All members are earnestly requested to be present, as the meeting will be of unusual interest. MARY AUGUSTINE, C. T. ELVA DIXON, Secretary.

LOCAL NEWS.

Ice cream soda at Irwin's.
Chocolate ice cream soda at Irwin's.
Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
See the Beach & Bowers minstrels tonight at the Grand.
Irwin's fountain is now open for the season.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koek.
The cold wave came last night. There was a decided drop in the temperature.
Drink cherry phosphate at Irwin's.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtd
The Republican township nominating convention will be held one week from tonight in the circuit court room.

Missee' tan balm, tan patent leather trimmed, at Powers' Shoe Store.
10-d&wlv

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.
Mrs. Emma L. Hubbard, widow of Dr. J. T. Hubbard, of this city, has been granted an original pension through the agency of M. Shea.

Cocoa cola at Irwin's fountain.
Salt mackerel for Lent, 5, 10 and 25 cents. Smoked halibut, white carmoty blisters. Pearl Oyster and Fish company, telephone 344.—9-d1w

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.
During our removal sale are selling slightly used organs regardless of cost. Easy payments may be had. Phillips & Wood.
10-d6

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Vici kid balm and congress shoes for gentlemen, boys and youths, the very latest styles, at Powers' Shoe Store.
10-d&wlv

Last night there was a dancing party at the Gebhart hall on North Water street. Henry Wallace and Frank Meredith managed the affair.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb23-d&wlv

This evening Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Abrams at their home, No. 1228 North Monroe street, will give a reception to the Christian Endeavor society of the First M. E. church and their friends.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Jan Culp, the old reliable seedman, fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 293 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wlv

There will be a union meeting of the mission bands of Grace church and the First M. E. church in the lecture room of the First church on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Miss Frances Baker will give a talk on Mission work. All children of the two Sunday schools are invited to be present.

Gentlemen, why wear shabby overcoats, pants, coat or vest when you can get your clothing re-dyed, cleaned and pressed and repaired to look equal to new by taking them to Miller's Dye House. Work warranted first-class. 145 North Main street.

The Easter electric display in one of the windows at Bradley Bros. store is about the neatest thing that has yet been attempted in the decorative line in Decatur and is a big card for the firm and Mr. McKinney, the artist who designed the picture. It is a beautiful decoration which attracts universal attention and admiration.

The Wabash during the coming summer will have a line of boats running from Put-in-Bay to connect at Toledo with the west bound express, leaving Toledo at 5:25 p. m. daily for St. Louis, arriving there at 7:30 a. m. The Wabash earnings for the first week of March amounted to \$278,267, a decrease of \$20,910 compared with 1896.

There are others, But none like Edwin Clapp's Men's Fine Shoes, Colored Russia Calf, Colored Kid, Patent Leather, English Enamel and French Calf. Most every well-dressed gentleman wears them. Why don't you? New Spring styles, shapes, sizes and widths to fit every one. See them in our window. Sold only by FOLKATH & HARDY, Largest Retailers of Footwear in Decatur, Sign of the Old Cobbler in Window. March 5-dtd

ALL GONE HOME.

March Meeting of the Board of Supervisors Concluded.

The labors of the members of the board of supervisors for the March meeting was concluded this afternoon, after Supervisor Spence had said that we quit now for the fiscal year, some to return and some may not be here any more.

All claims reported were ordered paid, and a lot of names for petit jury men were placed in the box which is in custody of County Clerk Dodd.

The committee found on investigation that the books of Clerk Dodd were O. K., and that he had been overpaid for the quarter, \$2.64.

The special committee appointed to inspect the books of Sheriff Nicholson, said investigation having been invited and urged by the sheriff in person, reported that they had found the books all right, no errors or mistakes anywhere and the report was adopted. The committee added that they had made special efforts to confer with Frank Marsh but that he had refused to meet them or talk. Chairman Hockaday and Supervisor Hollinger, both made a statement to the board, going into details as to the conduct of Marsh and showing that no effort had been spared to thoroughly perform their duty.

It was reported that there is due State's Attorney Mills on his second term, \$3702.69.

The finance committee submitted the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the county during the past two years, the figures being the average:

Bridge	\$215.79
Public Buildings	359.79
Printing	270.02
Miscellaneous expenses	353.88
Pauers	2122.72
Bonds	9489.55
Transportation of Paupers	276.38
Supervisors' pay	1065.90
Purchasing necessary supplies	1286.35
Salary above fees received	6076.56
Sparrow warrants	624.81
Coroner	212.50
Stenographer	602.00
Foreign witnesses	109.35
Jurors	11150.25
Total average expense	\$51130.68
Average income per year for two years	\$59005.60
Average surplus	\$8484.96

WILL ENDORSE CANDIDATES.

Labor Assembly Will be Held This Evening at the Cigar Makers' Hall for That Purpose.

There will be an assembly meeting of the labor unions of the city this evening at the cigarmakers' hall for the purpose of endorsing candidates for the city and town election. The cigarmakers, plumbers, bricklayers, printers' and plasterers' unions will be represented. The meeting is called by a committee composed of James Benson, William McDougal and W. N. Snow. The meeting will be an open one and anyone who wishes can attend.

Entertainments.
Last night the members of Rescue Lodge of Good Templars gave a graphophone sociable at their hall on North Main street and had a large audience to enjoy the excellent program.

Hert Conklin had his graphophone there and a number of songs, speeches, etc., were rendered. After this program refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was devoted to a sociable.

There was a large attendance last night at the First Presbyterian church to enjoy the entertainment given for the benefit of the College street chapel. The principal feature was the reading of Miss Margaret Brooks of Springfield. She is a sister of Miss Mary Brooks, a teacher in the Warren street school. In addition to her selections George Dunston and Miss Anna Roberts gave a number of vocal selections.

Looking for Walter Poor.
Mrs. Ann Beaman, the widow of Dr. Beaman, residing on the Beaman place on East William street, claims to have been swindled out of over \$100 worth of hay by Walter Poor, when the officers are trying to locate. It appears that Poor offered Mrs. Beaman a certain amount for the stacks of hay she had on the place, selling it at \$10 a ton. Poor hauled the hay away, but thus far has failed to pay Mrs. Beaman a dollar. Poor sold the hay to various parties. The lady is highly indignant at the treatment she has received and will give Poor the limit of the law. She indignantly denies the report that she and Poor were to have been married. He had never made such a proposition to her, and had he done so she says she would have clubbed him off the place.

Bowling Club.
A number of the young ladies of the city have organized a bowling club. They meet every two weeks at Brinkmeyer's place on North Water street and pass the evening in the bowling alley. A meeting was held last evening. The members of the club are Misses Alice Bering, Mary and Ida Voorhies, Annie Rainey, Eve Hammer, Edith Race, Florence Rainey, Nell Schroeder, Eugenia Harris, Neta Thatcher, Beale Young, Bertha Roach, Gusie Gorn, Jessie Montgomery, Lola Montgomery, Laura Johns, Mary French and Mrs. Fred Stoner and Mrs. J. D. Moore.

A March Picnic.
The members of the Peleamas division of the Woman's club held a "March Picnic" last evening at the club rooms. There were twenty-four of the thirty members of the division present. Each brought their supper and a regular picnic spread was held. Following the supper games were played and music rendered. The evening was a pleasant one for those in attendance.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Miss Ida Reome is visiting friends in Monticello.

—J. C. Lake went to Danville to-day on business.

—M. M. Martin will go to Chicago to-night on business.

—M. W. Stoddard and wife are visiting friends in Ramsey.

—W. H. Grindol went to Corro Gordo this morning on business.

—Miss Jane Roby is home from a visit with friends in Clinton.

—Allan Evans, who has been ill for several months, is improving.

—Mrs. K. Harwood and daughter, Miss Kate Harwood, are in Chicago.

—Milton Clark, of Long Creek, was in the city to-day on business.

—George Harley, of Delphi, Ind., is in the city visiting E. L. Martin.

—Frank Lehman is confined to his home on West Wood street by illness.

—Miss Lillie Woolington of Monticello, is in the city visiting Miss Agnes Perl.

—Mrs. E. A. Gastman went to Champaign this morning to visit friends.

—Mrs. Joe Alexander is home from Chicago where she has been visiting friends.

—Miss Abbie Pratt is home from Chicago where she has been visiting friends.

—Dr. Benjamin Brown and Arthur Gallagher are in Springfield on business.

—Miss Jessie Montgomery is in Springfield visiting Mrs. Peter Vredenburg, Jr.

—Mrs. Lydia Faris, an old resident of the county, is ill at her home near Bearsdale.

—Miss Mattie Bachrach is home from Bloomington where she has been visiting relatives.

—J. B. Burrows, who has been ill of rheumatism for some time past, is better and is able to be out.

—The child of Joseph Smallwood, living on Central avenue, who has been ill of typhoid fever, is better.

—J. H. Bevans, who has been traveling through Iowa and Wisconsin on business, will be home tomorrow.

—Dr. E. A. Morgan was called to Emery on professional business. He will visit Marion before his return.

—Rev. D. F. Howe and Mr. and Mrs. John Imboden took supper with friends last evening in Blue Mound.

—J. R. Gorin and Miss Mattie Gorin, who have been visiting at Dallas, Texas, returned home this morning.

—W. I. Walker of Omaha, who was called here on account of the death of his brother, I. D. Walker, has returned home.

—Miss Josephine Elliott is here from Chicago to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Elliott of North Edward street.

—Born—To Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Wilhelmy, at their home at Dayton, Ohio, Thursday, March 11, a son. Jacob Wilhelmy received the word announcing that he was grandpa last night.

Epworth League.
The following are the new officers of the Epworth League of the German Methodist church:

President—J. F. Mattes.
Vice President—Emma Plummer.
Secretary—Ed Hoffman.
Treasurer—Lydia Witzman.
Librarian—Samuel Ritter.
Organist—Mary Burk.

Assistant Organist—Clara Niedermeyer.
Ushers—Mr. Niedermeyer and Barney Sobison.

Memorial Exercises.
The members of the Young People's Mutual Benefit association will hold their annual memorial services on the evening of March 1, at the A. M. E. church on Spring avenue. The association holds services once a year in memory of those who worked for the freedom of the race. Some of the best musical and literary talent of the city will take part in the exercises.

The senior class of the high school will have a class party on Tuesday evening, the 23d, at the residence of D. S. Shellabarger on East Eldorado street. It is the custom of each succeeded senior class to have such a party. At the reception recently held the juniors and others were present. Now the class of '97 intend to have a strictly class party, the faculty and board of education to be included.

Manager Given has returned from Chicago. While in the lake city Mr. Given arranged for the appearance of "Little Miss Chicago," and other new plays at the Grand in the near future. He tried to secure the Frank Daniels company in the comic opera, "The Wizard of the Nile," but failed as the company is not filling one night engagements.

Election Notice.
An election of officers and directors of the Decatur Greenwood cemetery association will be held at the office of Montgomery & Shull, 141 East Main street, Decatur, Ill., between the hours of 9 and 5 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 19, '97. R. R. Montgomery.—13-dtd

Square Piano.
Square pianos of well known makes from \$25.00 up during the removal sale, on easy payments. Phillips & Wood. 10-d6

Today Dr. Laurens Snow assisted Dr. L. H. Clark performed a surgical operation on his little son, Harold Snow.

GEN. JOHN B. GORDAN.

How the Confederate General and Veteran was Received at Boston by the G. A. R.

General John B. Gordon, who was one of the bravest and best marshals under General R. E. Lee, and who is to deliver his famous lecture, "The Last Days of the Confederacy," at the Grand opera house in Decatur, March 29, has endeared himself all over the north by the magnificent patriotism he portrays in his lectures. The Boston Daily Globe speaking of a recent lecture delivered in Boston by General Gordon says:

General John B. Gordon, soldier, bullet-scarred veteran and brilliant orator, "Gordon of Georgia," stood on the platform of Music hall last evening, surrounded by nearly 100 Grand Army boys, and spoke to a vast audience on "The Last Days of the Confederacy." The general told his story of battle and carnage in the most fascinating manner. By glowing words, with flashes here and there of wit, humor and pathos. He spoke for two hours, but at 10:15, when he hinted to stop, the great audience shouted "Go on!" It was a great address, great for its abundant human nature, for its grand devotion to the flag, and for its tributes to the men who fought and died for what they believed to be the truth. General Gordon has a fine presence on the platform. He is tall, not stout or massive, has a refined appearance, and a gentle yet expressive speech. His finely shaped head is but sparsely covered with hair, the top of his head being quite bald. He has a neatly cut mustache and chin beard, now snowy white. His gestures are dignified, and at times, when excited by the recital of some thrilling war story, he stands in a most commanding attitude, with one foot forward, his shoulders back, his head erect and his arms stretched wide as he thunders forth his magnificent words. General Gordon closed with a magnificent eulogy of the flag, and he sat down amid a storm of huzzas from the people. After the oration he was surrounded by the G. A. R. men and shaken warmly by the hand and greeted as an old comrade. It was an affecting scene, and the audience caught its spirit, for they gathered around the platform and joined in the welcome.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Official Report.

Decatur, Ill., March 11, '97.
Present: Mrs. Mary E. Haworth, Messrs. James F. Roach and the clerk, E. A. Gastman.

Absent: David S. Shellabarger.
The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report for the month of February, 1897, was compared and approved.

The superintendent's report of the receipts and expenditures of the tuition fund for the month of February, 1897, was compared and approved.

The following bills were allowed and the clerk was directed to draw orders to pay the same:

E. A. Gastman, supt., \$5.75 A. Miller, \$1.63; Decatur Gas Light and Coke Co., \$8.51; Field & Wilson, \$1.35; A. J. Wallace, \$23.39; George R. Bacon & Co., \$2.21; J. H. Bevans, \$27; G. V. Loring, \$5; J. W. Reed, \$50; Nellie H. Love, \$9. Decatur Coal Co., \$79.94; Fleming Gray, 75c; Rand, McNally & Co., \$30. H. Mueller Gun Co., \$2.46; Citizens' Mutual Telephone Co., \$49.50; Eagle Pencil Co., \$10.25; Lena Ulrich, \$9; Herman Spies, \$12.50.

Permission was granted to the teachers to attend a meeting of the central Illinois teachers' association at Galesburg March 26.

The principal of the high school, Mr. J. J. Sheppard, asked permission to use Bryce's abridged American Commonwealth in the senior class for the reviews in United States history and civil government. On motion he was authorized to use it for the present year.

Permission was granted to the teachers who were associated in our schools with Miss Belle Fulton to attend her funeral tomorrow. On motion adjourned.

Mary E. Haworth, president, pro tem. E. A. Gastman, clerk.

The Great Eastern Tea Co. has leased of W. T. Wells the store room next door west of their present location and will occupy it as soon as the new front and other improvements are completed.

Seed Distribution.
Now seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-d&wlv

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.
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A SENSATION.

Secretary Bliss Repudiates the Action of Commissioner Lamoreaux as to the McKee Scrip.

CHICAGO PROPERTY IS INVOLVED.

Lamoreaux Will be Removed—Hunter Secures the Caucus Nomination for Senator in Kentucky—His Defeat Predicted.

Washington, March 13.—The sensation of repudiating the acts of the general land office in Chicago in the Lake front case, and which will probably be immediately followed by the dismissal of S. W. Lamoreaux of Wisconsin, the commissioner of the general land office has been signed by Secretary of the Interior Bliss. The order directs that all proceedings subsequent to filing the application to locate the McKee Scrip on the lake front be annulled and rehearing be had. The action is based on a favorable opinion of Lamoreaux given out by him to one of the parties in interest three days before the time, appointed by himself for the formal announcement of his decision. The land on which the scrip is located is in the heart of Chicago. It is estimated in value all the way up to fifty or sixty million dollars.

HUNTER NOMINATED.

Prediction That He Will Not be Elected.
Frankfort, Ky., March 13.—Congressman Godfrey Hunter was nominated this morning in the Republican caucus for United States senator. It is doubtful if he can be elected.

DYNAMITE GUN CAPTURED.

Insurgents Make a Charge and Recover It. Then Turn It Upon the Spaniards.
Key West, Fla., March 13.—A letter was received here yesterday afternoon from Colonel Barrios, who is with General Riviera, in Pinar del Rio province. It gives an exciting account of the narrow escape which they had from losing their famous dynamite gun by capture. This is the only gun of its kind in the western section of Cuba and the Spaniards regard it with reverential feelings, as it has inflicted great damage upon them at all times.

John Lynn, the young Florida boy who is in command of it, is an expert in explosives. The gun was stationed at one of the plateaus near the Gobernadora hills. There was a camp of about 300 men half a mile from it, but where the gun was posted there were only fifty men, it not being supposed that the Spaniards could attack without the other force being apprised of their approach. Col. Jose Santos, of the Spanish army, with a force of 800 men had set out to attack this encampment from San Cristobal. Learning through his spies that the gun was comparatively unprotected, he detached a force of 200 men to move through the mountains and come in on their rear. This force moved very secretly and early in the morning burst forth on the little band of Cubans guarding the gun, surprising them utterly. Before they could give the alarm they were cut down to a man. Though against the order of the Spanish captain, a number of shots had been fired. The main column in the meanwhile had started up the usual path, which the Cubans had strongly guarded and also mined.

The party who captured the gun found they had an elephant on their hands, as they had no way of moving it, as much as they wanted to possess it, and they set about disabling it. Not understanding its mechanism, they lost about half an hour before understanding what to do. In the meantime, Captain Lynn, who was absent from the camp, heard of the firing, and suspecting something of the kind, he gathered a force of 100 insurgents, comprising twenty-five Americans, and they came on the run to the rescue of this beloved gun. Pressing through the thicket, they dashed at the Spaniards, who were clustered among the huts and around the gun, charging with wild cries of "Cuba Libre." The charge was too fierce to be withstood, and the Spaniards were driven from the plateau with great loss, many being thrown bodily down its steep sides. Lynn hastily examined his gun, and finding it uninjured, it was moved to the edge of the mountain and trained on the approaching Spanish main column. Sounds of firing were heard shortly afterward, and the advanced post of the inner garrisons came dashing up the path, with hundreds of Spanish in close pursuit, the latter thinking they had the insurgents in a trap. Lynn sighted his gun, pulled the lanyard, a shrill blast followed, and a second afterward a terrific explosion occurred.